

CDA Education Contest 2023-24

The contest is open to all students from Grade 4-12. Hopefully all of your students will participate as the CDA will be awarding money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each Division. First place is \$25, second is \$15 and third is \$10. The judging will be done by a teacher who is not a member of CDA or the church. The teacher will not be able to identify who has submitted the entry as the student will submit that information on the attached form and secured to the back side of their entry. I am sending out this one note and will attach a copy of the entrance form.

Here are the Divisions and which type of entries are acceptable for that grade division. Thanks for your on-going support of this program!!

Division 1	Grades 4-5	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Division 2	Grades 6-7-8	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 3	Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography

Contest theme can be either: "Gods love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky. Luke 1:17 or How does my love shine for others?"

RULES: All entries must be of contestant's own imagination and creations.

Essay: Typed only, not to exceed 450 words on one page; not front and back.

Poetry: Any style of poetry, typed, not to exceed eight (8) lines.

Art: Size: 8 ½ x 11 No lettering (your art carries the message). **Do not put your name on the Art.** How the theme is carried out in Art will be part of the judging, in addition to artistic talent. Medium: Crayon, markers, ink, paints (water color, acrylic, oil), charcoal, pencil (black or colored), pastels (chalk) and duct tape.

Computer Art: Size: 8 ½ x 11 or 8" x 12", No lettering. Art must be artists' own creation and should fill the majority of the page. NO clip art or images imported from websites.

Music: Lyrics and notes must be on professional music score paper (melody, harmony and accompaniment, all of which must be notated accurately), and **must be contestant's own creation.** Please use composition music paper with composer's name. CD, thumb drive (no Mp3, MIDI, or other electronic formats allowed) of the performance must accompany the entry using music score paper and

name on it. While the composition must be the contestant's own creation, the performer of the composition does not need to be the composer. No DVD.

Photography: Size 8" x 10" picture depicting the theme. Do not add matting. The contestant must have taken picture. May not be a computer downloaded image or a picture of a picture. Can be color or black and white. Cannot be a collage. . **Cannot be a copy of a photography as it needs to be the photograph.**

Judges will use rules of Clarity, Grammar, Spelling, Interpretation of Theme and all peculiar rules in the categories listed above

GENERAL RULES

- 1) Contestants may enter a Category only once but may submit entries in multiple categories. A local Catholic Daughters Court must sponsor contestants..
- 2) Entries on other themes or not conforming to the rules will be disqualified.
- 3) **Entries will not be returned.** All contest material becomes the property of the National Court with the right to display/ and or publish any or all material.
- 4) Decisions of the judges will be final. Judges reserve the right to make no award in a Division or Category. Commercial entries will be disqualified. Judging will be based on the Rubric scoring provided.
- 5) Each 2023-2024 Entry Form must accompany each entry properly signed and completed. Names must be legible. Forms are to be glued or taped to the back of the entry, except for music. Music entry forms to be put in plastic sleeve and CD or thumb drive with it.

DEADLINE TO BE RECEIVED BY MARY ZABEL BY FEBRUARY 1ST.

If a contestant wins 1st in 2 themes, only one can be submitted to state.

Local awards: 1st Place \$25, second \$15 and 3rd \$10.

Please note that any entries are NOT to be folded. All religious Education entries shall be given to Jenna by the January 31st deadline and she will forward them to Mary Zabel.

2023-2024 Education Contest Entry Form

(Tape or glue this form to the back of your entry except for music.)
MUSIC NEEDS TO HAVE PLASTIC SHEET PROTECTOR WITH ENTRY FORM AND CD OR THUMB DRIVE W/NAME ON IT, SECURED AND
MUSIC IN ANOTHER SHEET PROTECTOR. BOTH NEED TO BE SECURED.

Please type or print

Category: _____

Division: _____ Grade: _____

Theme: _____

Name: (Please Print) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of School (or Court if adult): _____

Signed Statement: This contest entry is my own creative work. I did not copy all or any part of this entry from any other person's work. I agree that if my entry is a National winner, it may be published by the National Court or put on its website.

Contestant's Signature: _____

DO NOT CUT OFF THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET!

Return to:

Name of Sponsoring Court: _____ No. _____

City of Sponsoring Court _____ State: _____

Name of Education Chairperson: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This signed form MUST ACCOMPANY all contest entries and be fully, legibly completed. Do not fold or roll entries.

Note to Education Chairpersons: Please be sure to include your court name, number, city, and state as well as the name and address of the chairperson to whom the entries are to be returned to by the participant.

Winners will be listed on the Catholic Daughters website after August 20, 2024.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas website: www.catholicdaughters.org